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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE: SEEK UNDP's IDEAS FOR EXPANDING THE
UN'S ROLE IN GEORGIA

REF: STATE 130669

Classified By: IO PDAS James B. Warlick, for reason 1.4 (d).

¶1. (C) This is an action request. Department understands that the Under Secretary General for Political Affairs Pascoe would like to see an expanded role for the UN in Georgia (as well as in the region) and may consider a reevaluation of UNOMIG's mandate. Department requests that USUN seek U/SYG Pascoe's specific ideas regarding the UN role in Georgia. Demarche can be delivered in conjunction with reftel demarche. End action request.

¶2. (C) Department requests USUN pursue the following objectives:

-- Seek U/SYG Pascoe's views on an expanded role for the UN in Georgia, including specific programs (if any) and timetables for implementation.

-- Note that the U.S. is open to exploring new ideas, and in the short-term would like to see stepped up implementation of the UNHCR strategy for the return of IDPs to Abkhazia, a further increase in the number of UNOMIG observers to help reduce tensions and deter cease-fire violations, and full implementation of the proposals in Section 36 of the Joint Fact-Finding Group Report on the March 11 incident in the Upper Kodori Valley -- especially deployment of artillery radar in the Upper Kodori Valley and an enhanced surveillance capability for UNOMIG.

(Note: due to Department's responsibility to notify Congress in advance of a change in a UN PKF's mandate, we will most likely not be able to support an increase in the number of UNOMIG observers in time for October's UNOMIG renewal. End note).

¶3. (U) Point of Contact and Reporting Deadline: POC is Anneliese Reinemeyer in IO/UNP, 202 647-0046 or in the GAL. USUN should report results of this demarche by September 28.
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